



Newsletter 27th September 2024

Learning, growing and achieving excellence together

Key dates:

Tuesday 1st October - Parent workshop - phonics 5.30pm

Thursday 3rd October - Maths Times Tables and fluency workshop for parents and families (Y3 - Y6) 3.30pm

Thursday 3rd October - Whole School National Poetry Day assembly

Friday 4th October - Y4 poet visit - Antosh Wojcik

w/c 7th – Y6 Bikeability begins

Wednesday 9th October - Y3 and Y4 multi-skills festival 1.30pm

House Point Results



Winning House
Goodwood



Cowdray
591

Parham
748

Goodwood
767

Petworth
736

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we introduced the children to a revised set of Golden Rules. 6 rules were proving tricky for children (and some adults) to remember so we have condensed the rules to 3!

“Ready, Respectful and Safe”

Staff will be talking to children about being ‘ready’ to learn, respectful to each other and adults and ‘safe’ in behaviour. We hope you will hear children talking about the 3 rules over the next couple of weeks as they are introduced and expectations modelled.

Congratulations to all of our child led groups who were voted in this week. These groups play a vital role in school improvement and making BPA the best place it can be.

Tuesday evening we were treated to a workshop on neurodiversity. School welcomed Fran Hibberd and Jo???? from the Equine???? to talk all things neuro diverse. It was a really special evening with adults connecting and sharing experiences. This topic is something we would like to continue with future evening sessions, bringing parents together to discuss additional needs and worries.



Workshops and parent sessions are challenging to plan to ensure staff family life is protected and parent work life taken account of. Please rest assured that any workshops held in the school day or when school finishes will always be shared via a presentation to parents unable to attend. We are also always on hand if you wanted to ask anything specifically about the topics advertised.

Marion Ley

Year 5 and 6 swimming event:

On Tuesday, 11 fabulous swimmers took part in a local school swimming gala at The Weald School. The team were fantastic from start to finish and ended up winning the event! There were many highlights but the children loved the team relays at the end, where they all got to swim together! It was great to see everyone cheering for their peers and the team showed great sportsmanship to the other schools. Well done all!



Year 5 and 6 athletes Weald events:

On Wednesday, another group of Year 5 & 6 children attended a sports event at the Weald School. These children were selected because they show potential for being gifted and talented athletes in one or more discipline. This is a two year programme aimed at developing their athletic skills. We look forward to watching them blossom.



Introducing our *new* Year 6 Leaders...

House Captains



My name is Leo and I can't wait to be Petworth's House Captain this year! We're going to beat the other houses and win Sports Day too!

Hi, I'm Buddy. I'm funny, friendly and can't wait to beat the other houses this year!



I'm Hallie and I love Cowdray! I'm kind and approachable, so I can't wait to help the others in school. I'm excited to lift the cup when Cowdray wins!

I'm Sam and I'm so excited to show Parham, Goodwood and Petworth that Cowdray is the best house!

I'm Savannah and I'm so happy to be Parham's House Captain. I can't wait to help anyone who needs it!

Hello, I'm Olivia and I love Parham! I will be holding the house cup when we win and help our wonderful headteacher, Ms Ley.



I'm Arthur and I'm so glad to be Goodwood's House Captain. I will be a great role model to others and make sure that Goodwood wins every week!

My name is Maddy and I can't wait to be holding up the cup for all of Goodwood's wins!

Sports Leaders



Librarians



Digital Leaders



Introducing our other school leaders

Our new **School Council** has been elected by their classmates and met this week to get their coveted badges! We will be meeting every month with a member of the leadership team and the governing body to discuss important school issues and provide all-important pupil voice. On this term's agenda is giving feedback for the local council to share children's views on how local funds could develop services in the village, as well as helping interview potential new staff. This is an exciting responsibility and we will let you know about their impact as the year progresses.



Eco Team

This group of green minded infants and juniors have been elected to the role by their classes. Their role is to ensure each class is doing what they can to save energy and be environmentally friendly in our school and local community. Throughout the year they will be finding out about and sharing green initiatives and will take part in local events and competitions. The eco team meet once a month on a Friday afternoon (usually the first Friday of the month). Our objective is to ensure we are sharing with the rest of the school the importance of recycling, not dropping litter, saving energy and other important environmental issues which impact our lives. A key area of focus this year will be developing our environmental areas. We want to participate in schemes to enhance ourselves as an environmentally friendly setting and work with others locally in our community to achieve this. We will keep you updated on our progress.



Note from the Governors – It is a pleasure to see how well our pupils have made the transition to their new year groups. Our new joiners in reception classes are happily settling and we have had positive feedback from our ex-pupils, now in Year 7 at their secondary schools, about how much they are enjoying life in their new schools. We are already thinking about next year as we begin our open days for the new reception intake, 2025, the first of which was on Thursday. We were delighted to welcome so many families to see our lovely children at work in their classrooms; Ms Ley and Mrs Cobden led interesting and informative tours around the school accompanied by a governor. There is a range of events this term for prospective parents (2025 -2026), please see our website for further details.

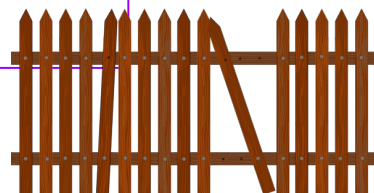
BPA bees - Between October and December, you can vote for the BPA Bees with your blue tokens at the following Tesco stores:

Tesco Express, Billingshurst
Tesco, Pulborough
Tesco Express Esso, Storrington

Your votes will help us receive up to £1500 in funding for outdoor improvements at the school, including: plants, outdoor seating and gardening equipment.

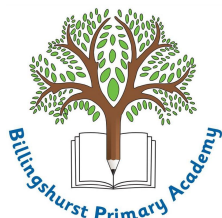
We have a new email address: bpabees@billingshurstprimary.org.uk.

Can you help us? We are looking for someone within our school community who may be in the fence business! If you, or someone you know, thinks they are able to help us out with a fence project, please come to the office and ask to speak to Mrs Cobden.



Letters home this week:

Invite to workshops
Panto letter
Year 1 tasting event
Year 6 tile barn letter
Year 3 and 4 multi-skills letter (selected pupils only)



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